



Kentucky Broadband Update

The Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information (GOEHI) is committed to assisting the Commonwealth in the spread of broadband access to every possible location in the state. Not only is GOEHI committed to the work of spreading broadband access, the very nature of the work that we do is based on a robust broadband infrastructure in the Commonwealth. The secure, cost effective and ubiquitous availability of our citizen's health care information to authorized providers is a key component in the improvement of the quality of patient healthcare while at the same time reducing the cost of that care. Toward this goal GOEHI has designed and implemented the secure and cost efficient Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) that relies on the widespread access and use of broadband in the Commonwealth.

In order to support the Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT) in their leadership role in the state's broadband work we are helping distribute their broadband survey to our clients via our website and the use of our mass message delivery vendor, Gov Delivery. By using our existing resources we are able to leverage our tools without incurring additional costs to provide assistance. This survey will guide COT in their work towards ensuring that their broadband enhancement efforts are being effective.

GOEHI is also assisting COT by adding our knowledge of healthcare provider locations and their current experiences with the type and cost of broadband in their locations. We work with COT and their vendors to merge our provider location knowledge with the broadband access maps that are crucial to everyone's understanding of the Commonwealth's broadband status. This work is in the early stages but will be a continuous effort due to the changing nature of broadband availability.